

A BRITISH RETREAT.

General Yule Abandons Dundee and Glencoe.

BOERS GREATLY OUTNUMBER ENGLISH

London's Worst Fears Are Realized. It is Believed the Government is Withholding News—Cape Town Advises More Favorable.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The following dispatch from General Sir George Stewart White, dated Ladysmith, Oct. 24, to the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, received last evening at 11 o'clock, was posted at the war office soon after midnight:

"Information received yesterday showed that the Boers had established themselves in considerable numbers in an exceedingly strong position west of the main road leading from Ladysmith to Dundee.

"I also had information that the Dundee force, formerly commanded by General Symons and since his wound commanded by General Yule, was falling back on Ladysmith by way of the Helpmakaar road, Belth and the valleys of the Waschbank and Sunday rivers and was expected to reach Sunday River valley today.

"I therefore moved out with a strong force to cover the movement of Yule's column. The enemy was discovered about seven miles out of Ladysmith in a position of exceptional natural strength, west of the road. When he saw that preparations were being made against him, he opened fire with one gun with great accuracy.

"Our artillery soon got into position, and the gun was silenced. Our troops were ordered to occupy a strong ridge parallel to the enemy's position, but nearer to the road.

"I confined my efforts to occupying him and hitting him hard enough to prevent his taking action against Yule's column. Numbers of the enemy fled to the west, and the firing had practically ceased at 2 o'clock."

"The war office dispatch seems to realize the worst fears. General Yule has abandoned not only Dundee, but Glencoe also, and so far as present news would indicate, he has neither joined General White nor reached Ladysmith. General White's 'successful action,' announced in parliament by Mr. Wyndham, seems to resolve itself into a mere engaging of the attention of the Free State troops while General Yule is slipping southward.

"It is evident from the official dispatches that both Commandant General Joubert's column on the north and the Orange Free State troops on the west now occupy strong positions and that nothing hinders the Boers from following up General Yule's retreat and getting around Ladysmith from the southeast. Until reinforcements arrive it seems that General White is obliged to concentrate on Ladysmith.

"It is believed that the government has other dispatches that have not yet been published.

"The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing at 9:45 p. m. yesterday, says:

"General Yule has performed a brilliant strategic movement. By a swift march to the south, leaving Glencoe empty, he has effected a junction of his forces with those of Sir George Stewart White slightly to the north of Ladysmith.

"The two are now in a position to offer battle. I believe the first attack will be made on the large Free State force which entered Natal by way of Tintwa pass and which has since been harassing Ladysmith. The military authorities decided that by joining their forces the two generals would be better able to cope with one large force at a time than by having two small detachments to oppose simultaneously two big Boer forces.

"Accordingly, after defeating the Free State troops, they will offer battle to Commandant General Joubert. Only 40 miles now separate the two Boer forces. Hence the need for swift and telling action.

"The two sections of the Boer army together outnumber the entire British force by three to one. Hard fighting is certain at a very early date. Our men are confident, and there is much enthusiasm.

"The Daily Mail publishes the following description of the battle of Elandslaagte from its special war correspondent, Mr. G. W. Steevens, filed at Ladysmith:

"The battle was a brilliant, complete success. The Boers numbered from 1,200 to 2,000 and probably had about 100 killed and 150 wounded.

"The fight itself was like a practical illustration of handbook tactics, each arm represented doing its proper work to perfection. The Gordon Highlanders in their attack advanced in magnificent order. They were immediately saluted with a heavy fire, which told from the first.

"Their major fell with a bullet in his leg, but as he lay where he fell he lit a pipe and smoked placidly while the advance continued. As man after man dropped supports were rushed into the firing line, our men darting from cover to cover, splendidly led and ever advancing.

"Yet as ridge after ridge was won the Highlanders still found a new ridge confronting them, and thus they fought their bleeding way until the final ridge was reached, with nearly every officer down.

"Then, slamming every available man into the firing line, Manchester, Devons and Light Horse all mixed, with bugles chanting the advance, bagpipes shrieking and the battle a confused surge, our men swept forward, and the position was won.

"Meanwhile squadrons of lancers and dragoons lapped round the Boer left flank, catching the enemy as they retired in disorder, going and stamping them to pieces. And the commando was not."

THE FIGHT AT GLENCOE.

Boers Reported Beaten Back with Heavy Loss.

GLENCOE CAMP, Oct. 21.—The battle yesterday was a brilliant success. The Boers got a reverse which may possibly, for a time at any rate, check all aggressive action.

"The British artillery practice in the early part of the day decided the battle. The seizure of Dundee hill by the Boers was a surprise, for, although the Boers had been exchanging shots all night, it was not until a shell boomed over the town into the camp that their presence was discovered. Then the shells came fast. The hill was positively alive with the swarming Boers. Still the British

artillery got to work with magnificent energy and precision.

The batteries from the camp took up positions to the south of the town and after a quarter hour's magnificent firing silenced the guns on the hill.

Directly the Boer guns ceased firing General Symons ordered the infantry to move on the position. The infantry charge was magnificent. The way the King's Royal rifles and the Dublin fusiliers stormed the position was one of the most splendid sights ever seen. The firing of the Boers was not so deadly as might have been expected from the troops occupying such an excellent position, but the infantry lost heavily going up the hill, and only the consummately brilliant way in which General Symons had trained them to fighting of the kind saved them from being swept away.

General Symons was wounded early in the action, and the command then devolved on Major Yule.

Wood Pulp Mills Lack Water.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—The Transcript says: "A lack of wood pulp is bringing about a shortage of paper and is causing users no little inconvenience. The principal cause of the trouble seems to be a lack of water along the rivers which furnish the power. Wherever steam plants are available they are being operated, and in this way some of the mills are turning out their normal product, but a representative of the International Paper company, which has nearly 30 mills in New England, says that the company has been obliged to shut down many of them on account of an insufficient supply of water. As a result of the shortage higher prices threaten."

Ten Thousand For Parnell Fund.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Irishmen were of one mind in doing honor to the memory of Charles Stewart Parnell in the Academy of Music last night. Sentiment revealed itself in a practical way. There was pledged or given to the lord mayor of Dublin, Mr. Daniel Tallon, and John Edward Redmond, M. P., at least \$10,000 toward the \$20,000 needed to redeem the Parnell homestead from sheriff's sale and the surviving family of the Irish leader from eviction. It was impossible last night to count the money handed to the ushers.

Oklahoma Seeks Statehood.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T., Oct. 25.—Hon. Sidney Clarke, chairman of the statehood committee, has issued a call for a meeting in Oklahoma City Nov. 17 of the Oklahoma statehood executive committee "for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed best to secure the passage of an enabling act by congress providing for the admission of Oklahoma into the Union as a state."

General Andrade Deposed.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct. 21.—The crisis is virtually over. General Andrade, the president, has accepted the conditions proposed by the insurgent commander, General Cipriano Castro, and will go abroad, the presidency devolving upon the vice president. General Castro will enter Caracas peacefully, thus avoiding bloodshed and a dictatorship. General Andrade fled without transferring power.

Free Delivery Service.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—A very gratifying showing for the free delivery service is made in the annual report of the operations of that bureau. There were 50 offices added to the free delivery list, making a total of 738. The 14,256 carriers now on the rolls is an increase of 4 per cent over the preceding year. The gross receipts were \$68,957,816, an increase of almost 22 per cent.

Robbed in London.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Late yesterday afternoon it was announced that a sensational burglary had taken place at the Savoy hotel, London, where the room of Mrs. Stockwell of New York, widow of a New York jeweler, was entered and robbed, it is understood, of jewelry valued at \$50,000 and bank notes and other negotiable currency to the amount of \$25,000.

Funston Will Return.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—Brigadier General Funston has wired the war department his acceptance of the appointment of brigadier general in the newly formed volunteer service. General Funston will return to Kansas with the Kansas volunteers, who will be mustered out Oct. 28. He will then report at Washington for duty in the Philippines.

Star Pointer to Race No More.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 24.—The famous stallion Star Pointer has been taken off the track by his owner, W. J. White. The great pacer's leg will never again be in condition for racing. His trainer, D. J. McClary, has been released, and Pointer has been put into the stud at Mr. White's Two Minute Villa farm.

Milk Producers' Union.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Oct. 21.—The Ontario and Western Milk Producers' union reports that all the union milk has been sold during five years at an average of 2 1/2 cents per quart. The contract is subject to the ratification of the milk producers to take effect Nov. 1.

Suicide No Bar.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—The United States court of appeals has decided that suicide cannot be urged by an insurance company as its reason for refusing to pay a policy unless it can be shown that the person at the time of taking out the policy contemplated suicide.

A Carnegie Library For Duluth.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 24.—Through the efforts of The Evening Herald Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$50,000 to the city of Duluth to erect a building for a free public library, conditioned upon a satisfactory site being provided by the city.

Lead and Zinc Combine.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 24.—A combination known as the National Lead, Zinc and Spelter company, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000 and with a surplus of \$500,000, has been formed to control and work large interests in the Joplin-Galena district.

Only Forty-two Wives.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Forty-two wives scattered throughout the world, four of whom are in Chicago, was the confession made yesterday by Walter L. Farnsworth, a Chicago candy commission man, who was arrested, charged with bigamy.

Colombia Revolution Grows.

COLON, Colombia, Oct. 23.—The revolution has extended from Cundinamarca to Lina. The Colombian gunboat Boyaca is about to leave for Cauca, where an army of 10,000 men is being assembled by the government.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL

The Two Routes Discussed in Commercial Congress.

THE UNITED STATES MUST BUILD.

A Route Which Will Bring the Two Coasts of This Nation Nearer by Ten Thousand Miles a Necessity.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—At the morning meeting of the commercial congress yesterday H. A. Gudgeon, United States consul at Panama, spoke in favor of the route contemplated by that canal and said that for more than half a century it had been the conceded natural way, resulting in failure after the expenditure of many millions and the many scandals connected with it. He favored the completion of the same route on the ground that it is the natural course, that one-third of it is already completed, and a new company composed of men of probity has taken the place of the old company and its scandals. In conclusion he said:

"After a careful survey of the field, I believe that the time is ripe for the purchase by the United States of the control of this canal. The terms of the concessions which we may obtain are liberal, and it is my opinion that the republic of Colombia would hail with pleasure the ownership of this route by the United States."

H. Sell of London read a paper on "The New Trade Routes of the World." He favored the construction of the Panama canal. J. W. Humphries of Colon also spoke in its favor. A paper prepared by Enrique Wolff, consul general of Bolivia, made a similar recommendation.

The congress then took a recess.

At the afternoon session the Nicaragua canal was the subject of a paper read by Dr. Juan J. Ulloa, consul general of Costa Rica at New York and a former vice president of Costa Rica. Dr. Ulloa said in part:

"The trip of the Oregon during the recent war was an object lesson which conclusively demonstrated the commercial and political necessities of the canal, which will make a difference of 10,000 miles in the approximation by sea of the two coasts of the United States and which will also bring very much nearer the new American possessions of Hawaii, the Philippines and the Ladrones."

"The canal must be dug by the government of the United States in preference to private enterprise because it will better serve commerce and the general public than one hundred and twenty-five million dollars taken by yearly installments will not make Uncle Sam feel much poorer, and will undoubtedly be his most profitable investment, because he will succeed in cutting down greatly the transportation and freight rates and will open to his countrymen the best markets of Central and South America and the east. The practicability of the Nicaragua canal is beyond question, and the authorities agree with but few exceptions in preferring this route because of the many natural advantages.

"From the report of Rear Admiral Walker's canal commission, as well as that of Colonel Ludlow, it will be seen that the entire cost of the canal will be under \$135,000,000, which is a small sum when we consider the results which will be obtained."

Mr. Rotherham, a delegate from Melbourne, said anything which would hasten the transit of goods from one country to the other would confer blessings upon both the producer and the consumer. Uncle Sam is getting along a little late as a land grabber compared with the activity of his progenitor. But he is just now beginning to catch up, and he should hurry up in the question of connecting his new acquisitions in the east with his states in the west.

Pennsylvania Forest Fires.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Oct. 25.—It has been five weeks since rain has fallen in this section, and the forests of Centre county are being swept by fire. Fire has started on the Allegheny mountains, and the flames have spread over thousands of acres of land, destroying many thousands of dollars' worth of the best quality of timber. The mountain east of Snowshoe is a seething mass of flames. Hunting camps have been abandoned, and woodsmen on lumber jobs have dropped their work and turned to saving the sawmills from destruction. In different parts of the country people are fighting hard to keep the flames from reaching their homes.

Rockefeller's Gift to Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 25.—The agent of John D. Rockefeller in this city announces the gift by Mr. Rockefeller to the park board of \$225,000 to construct arches and roadways under the Lake Shore railway for the purpose of connecting Gordon park with Rockefeller park, which he gave the city, and for roadways and arches under Superior street to connect two sections of Rockefeller park.

The Dahlgren a Good Boat.

BATH, Me., Oct. 25.—By obtaining a speed of 31 knots an hour during several hours' trial at sea yesterday the new torpedo boat Dahlgren exceeded her contract requirements and proved herself a very able boat. At the same time she made better time over a mile course than has ever been reached by a torpedo boat of her size in the world. The trial was made under very favorable conditions.

Roosevelt in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—Governor Roosevelt of New York, who is to make a score of speeches in Maryland within the next 48 hours, arrived here last night over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and was met by United States Senator McComas, District Attorney John C. Rose, Attorney General George R. Gaither and Chairman Thomas Shryrook of the Republican state committee.

Disappeared After Buying.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Scores of farmers of Orange county are puzzled over the conduct of a stranger who several weeks ago bargained for thousands of barrels of apples. He advanced \$5 on each purchase and never reappeared.

Large Bessemer Contract.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 24.—The Bessemer association met yesterday and contracted to deliver 60,000 tons of Bessemer ore during the first quarter of next year. The price is said to be \$24 per ton, and the ore is believed to be for Ohio consumers.

Wants \$3000 for a Tooth.

Dentists throughout the country will be interested in an action which has been started in Philadelphia. The action is the filing of a claim in a court of Philadelphia by Malcolm D. Reybold against Samuel Kimmel, a dentist, asking for \$3000 damages arising under the following circumstances: On July 14, Reybold visited the defendant's office for the purpose of having two back teeth extracted. He says he pointed out to Kimmel the exact teeth which he desired pulled. He took gas and prepared for the operation. When he regained consciousness, Reybold declares, he discovered that the dentist had pulled the wrong teeth, whereupon he notified the doctor of the mistake. The plaintiff alleges that the dentist attempted to replace the teeth, which caused the plaintiff much pain and suffering and a severe injury to his jaw.

Big Deal in Coal Lands.

A syndicate of Bellefonte capitalists, together with a small interest by several eastern men, has closed a deal for the purchase of \$125,000 acres of lands in Indiana and Armstrong counties. The price to be paid is considerably more than a million dollars. The tract includes the entire territory known as the Plum Creek basin, embracing almost the whole of five townships. It is heavily timbered, almost entirely underlaid with a six foot vein of coal, has natural gas and good indications of oil. To develop will necessitate the building of nearly fifty miles of new railroad from the town of Indiana. The purchasers will begin extensive operations soon.

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Agents of eastern houses are buying apples in Chautauqua and other fruit districts for the European market. The demand there for American apples is unprecedentedly large this year, and will exceed that of last year by a total of over 1,200,000 barrels. American exporters are netting a good profit. Chautauqua growers are holding good apples at \$4 per barrel. This is a hint for local growers of good fruit. The standard apple for the European market is the Baldwin.



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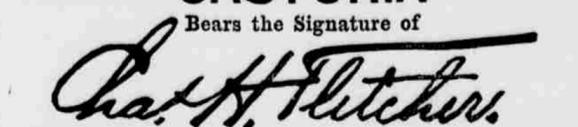
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